

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 359  
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Connie M. Morris, on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Joseph Brown Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Connie M. Morris is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morris has recently been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Joseph Brown Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel College and a Master of Arts degree from Murray State University; she has also taken an additional thirty hours of post-graduate classes at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morris has served with acumen and alacrity as a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Joseph Brown Elementary School for seventeen exemplary years; she has been a teacher for forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, not content merely to leave her most important work in the classroom, she has been active as a member of several professional associations, including Delta Kappa Gamma, which she served as Vice-President of the Beta Sigma chapter; the Parent Teacher Organization; the Tennessee Teachers' Study Council; and the Maury County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she was recognized as the Maury County Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year in 1997, among a host of other awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morris is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, through her involvement in the Maury County community, she sets an excellent example for her students; she volunteers for the Easter Seals Society, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morris evinces her great faith as a member of the First United Methodist Church, which she serves as Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, Director of the Vacation Church School, President of the Women of the Church, and a member of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, she is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Connie M. Morris truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Connie M. Morris on being chosen as

Building Level Teacher of the Year at Joseph Brown Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.